



**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
ENFORCEMENT BUREAU  
REGION ONE**

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**NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION**

Case Number: EB-FIELDNER-17-00024685

On June 29, 2017, Agents from the New York Office of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC or Commission's) Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) investigated an unlicensed FM station operating on the frequency 103.1 MHz in Brooklyn, New York. The Agents confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 103.1 MHz were emanating from your residence in Brooklyn, New York. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a radio station on 103.1 MHz at this location in Brooklyn, New York. You identified yourself to the Agents and you acknowledged that you had no authorization to operate the radio station.

Radio stations operating on a range of frequencies,<sup>1</sup> including 103.1 MHz, must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to Section 301 of the Communication Act of 1934, as amended (Act).<sup>2</sup> The only exception to this licensing requirement is for certain transmitters using or operating at a power level or mode of operation that complies with the standards established in Part 15 of the Commission's rules.<sup>3</sup> The field strength of your signal on frequency 103.1 MHz was measured at 48,163 microvolts per meter ( $\mu\text{V/m}$ ) at 282 meters, which exceeded the maximum permitted level of 250  $\mu\text{V/m}$  at 3 meters for non-licensed devices. Thus, this station is operating in violation of Section 301 of the Act.<sup>4</sup>

You are hereby warned that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid radio station authorization constitutes a violation of the Federal laws cited above and could subject the operator to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary fines, *in rem* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions, including imprisonment.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 47 CFR § 73.201.

<sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 301.

<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR §§ 15.1 *et seq.*

<sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 301.

<sup>5</sup> See 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510.

**UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY.**

You have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to respond with any evidence that you have authority to operate granted by the FCC. Your response should be sent to the address in the letterhead and reference the listed case number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974,<sup>6</sup> we are informing you that the Commission's staff will use all relevant material information before it to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure your compliance with FCC Rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.



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Region One  
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Federal Communications Commission

Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended  
Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet", March 2005

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<sup>6</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).